None But CHRIST,

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Intimating,

That in Him, who is the Lord of Lords, and Prince onely, is to be found the full and absolute cure of Mans *Misery*.

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By Clement Cotton

Acts 4. 12.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for among men there is given none other Name under heaven, whereby we must be saved.

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TO
The Right Honorable *Allen Cotton*, Lord Major of the City of *London*: all comfort *in Christ*.

Right Honourable:

AS Christ is said to be the *Author* & finisher of our faith, so is he the proper cause of all spirituall joy and rejoycing, *Luk* 1.44. Christ alwayes brings with him all true health and happinesse. By Christ, Gods justice is satisfied, *Eph*. 5.2. his wrath appeased, the Curse of the law abolished, *Ga*. 3.13. Sin,

Mal. 4.2.

1 Thess. 1.2.

1 Cor. 15. 55, 56, 57.

Death, and Hell vanquiſhed, the Devil ſubdued, *Heb.* 2. 14. and our ſelves and ſouls only by Chriſt eternally ſaved. Seeing Chriſt then is not aſhamed to owne us, *Heb.* 2. 11. wee ſhould not be aſhamed to own him, no not if need be, before an adulterous and ſinful generation. But as in heart to believe in him, ſo with mouth & tongue to confeſs him, with our ſoul to magnifie him, and with our ſpirit within us evermore to be uttering forth of his moſt worthy praiſes. To this end I preſumed ſome years ſince with the poor widow, to caſt into the Lords Treaſury this ſmall Mite, called *None but Chriſt*: which howſoever

2 Tim. 1. 10

Mar. 12. 39

Rom. 10.

Luk. 1. 46, 47.

ſoever it hath bin often imprinted, yet hitherto dedicated to none but unto your Honourable Self. The cauſes moving me hereunto are not a few, eſpecially when I call to remembrance that unfained love, which at the firſt ſprang toward me, from your dear Brethren, and my Faithfull and Worſhipfull good friends Mr. *William* and Mr. *Roger Cotton* (both well reported of for good works) and ever ſince their deceaſe, hath bin moſt freely and firmly rooted, and ſetled toward me in your worthy ſelf. And not onely ſo, but for many years really expreſſed; to the no little comfort of me and mine. In lieu whereof,

Right Honourable, lo here, by way of gratitude, and thankfulnes, a little Balm, a little Honey, a little Spices, Myrrh, &c. of each (I say) a little, which out of my extream poverty, I do most willingly, joyfully, and cheerfully present your Honour withal, at your first initiation into your so great & weighty a calling: wherein, that as another happy *Boaz* you may carry your self worthily in *Ephratah*, and be famous in this our **Bethelem*; there shall not be wanting his poor prayers, who ever rests,

Gen.43.11

2 Cor.8.2.

* *London, a plentifull store-house es of corporall, so of spirituall bread*

Your Honours humbly at Commandement,

CLEMENT COTTON.

To the Reader.

AMongſt the many miſeries that have light upon us, by the fall of our firſt Parents, thoſe of the Souls are chiefeſt; and amongſt them, this is not the leaſt, that though we be convinced by the word and Spirit, to be forlorne creatures, yet we naturally ſhun to take any knowledge thereof. Rom.3.19. John.16.8. Acts 28.27.

No man is rocked ſo faſt aſleep in the cradle of ſecurity, but at one time or another this Alarum rings in his eares: Thou haſt ſinned, and therefore muſt come to judgement. *But who trembleth in himſelf at the ſound thereof, that he might finde reſt in the day of trouble?* Rom.3.19. Eccl. 11.9. & 12.14. Hab. 3.16.

It cannot be, but theſe troubled thoughts *will now and then faſten upon the moſt hard-hearted impenitent ſinner;* ſurely all things are not well between *God* and me; *and* what will become of me another day? *And yet where is he or ſhe for all that who will preſently fall to* ſearching *and* judging *of himſelf, that he* might not be judged of the Lord? *No, the heart of man* Dan.5.6. Acts 24.25. 1 Pet.4.18. Lam 3.40. 1 Cor. 11. 31. Rom.7.

Isa.65.2.

is naturally ſwolne with ſuch a deviliſh pride, that though he know God is, and will be his Judge, *yet will he not make* ſupplication to his Judge.

Rom.2.16. Job 9.15. 1 Pet.5.5,6 Isai.23.9. Dan.4.29, 30. 1 Cor.10. 22. Job 9.4. Pſal.4.4. Zeph.2.1. Rom.5.12. Rom.5.16 & 6.23. Pſal.139.7 2 Cor.5.10 Acts 17.31 Isai.64.6. Job 14.4. Pſal.67.7. Hab.1.13. Ezra 9.6. Rom.7.23 Pſal.40.12 Pſal.38.4.

And albeit we know that God reſiſteth the proud, *and hath decreed in himſelf to ſtain all the glory, yet* walk we on ſtill in our pride againſt him. But who was ever fierce againſt him and proſpered?

Thou then that art as yet in this naturall eſtate, I wiſh thee in the name of God, ſpeedily to examine thy ſelf upon thy bed, and between the Lord & thee, propound theſe queſtions to thy ſoul: Soul, what ſaieſt thou to the guilt of *Adams* ſin? It is imputed to thee, I pray thee how ſhall we anſwer it? Thou knoweſt that this guilt bindes us over to eternal death, there is no fleeing for us, from the face of the Judge; what ſhall become of thee and me, in the day of the Lords wrath? Thou knoweſt, that all our righteouſneſs is but as filthy clouts; and how ſhall we be able to ſtand before the Lords pure eyes, which can behold no impurity? Thou knoweſt alſo, that our ſins are above meaſure ſinful, yea, far exceeding the ſands of the Sea, both for weight and number;

ber; muſt they not needs then ſink us to Hell, without recovery? For Gods ſake (O my Soul) let us look about us, and whileſt ſpace, place and means are alotted us, ponder we ſeriouſly theſe things in time. Let us, I pray thee, take unto us words, and now, even now, turn again unto the Lord, from whom we have too too long moſt wofully erred: Beſeech we him, that he would take away all iniquity, *and receive us graciouſly* that we may ever hereafter render him the calves of our lips. Hoſ.14.2. Iſai.53.6.

Thus, or in the like manner, ſhould every one that means to eſcape the judgment of God, *and the juſt* damnation of Hell, *queſtion and reaſon with his own ſoul. For it is not the* guiltleſs *but the* guilty, *that prizeth a pardon; it is not the* whole, *but the* ſick, *that is glad of the Phyſician: So, if ſin make thee not ſick at the very heart, thou wilt not eſteem of Chriſt, nor of the ſalvation which he hath brought for all* broken-hearted ſinners, no more then of ſruth. Rom.2.3. Mat.23.33 Luk.15.18 19,& 18, 13. Mat.19.12 Acts 2.37, 38. Luke 4.18. Math.22.5

A little to help thee then that haſt not yet felt thy ſpiritual ſickneſs (and alſo ſomewhat to refreſh the memory of thoſe who have) here is in a ſhort ſumme diſcovered unto thee, ſome of the maladies of

of thy ſoul, ſhewing thee how Chriſt is both the Phyſician and medicine of them ſeverally, as the Title given to the Book, None but Chriſt, None but Chriſt, *gives thee to underſtand.*

Touching the which, if thou wouldeſt I ſhould yield thee a reaſon; then know that I took it not up at randome, but as I found them the words, and thoſe the laſt words of a conſtant Martyr of Chriſt, John Lambert *by name: which (as I conceive) being uttered by him, as the triumphant voice of faith, after that he had, through the power of Chriſt, put to flight the fear of Hell, Sin, and Death, &c. (as by doubling of them may appear:) So by way of imitation, I think them (not tying any to ſyllables) well beſeeming the thoughts and ſpeeches alſo of every Chriſtian, upon ſafe & ſure grounds, as in their daily, ſo even in their laſt conflicts to be taken up and uſed. Not as if hereby it were my meaning to exclude or ſhut out either the Father or the Holy Ghoſt from having an hand in the work of our ſalvation, as well as Chriſt: but attributing the ſame to him onely as to the ſole meritorius cauſe thereof: And ſo I bid thee heartily farewell.*

See Joh. 3. Titus 3. 5.

Rom. 8. 34

Thine in Chriſt,

C. C.

None But CHRIST.

1 *Fall.*

I Am fallen in Adam, I am fallen, I am fallen: Oh! who ſhall raiſe me? None but Chriſt, who as he is ſet for thy *upriſing*, *Luk.* 2.34. ſo is he perfectly able to keep thee, *that thou fall not again* from thine owne ſtedfaſtneſſe.

Rom.5.12. Amos 7.2, 5,1.

Heb.7.25. John 10. 28,29. Jude 24. 2 Pet.3.17.

2 *Guilt.*

By my fall I have offended an infinite Majeſty: and who ſhall plead for me? 1. Sam. 2.25.

None but Chriſt, who being alſo an infinite Majeſty

Jer. 23.24. Pſal.98. 5.

Rom.

Isai.63.1. Acts 20.18 Revel.1.5. *Rom.9.5.* hath by his own blood, fully satisfied the justice of his Father for the offence this way committed

Rom.5.10 against him, 1 *Pet* 2.24,25. *Eph.*5.2.

3 *Enmity.*

This offence hath bred enmity between God & me, Col. 1.21. *And you that were sometimes alienated, & enemies in your minde by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled: Who is meet to reconcile us?*

2Cor.5.19 Rom.3.25 Col.1.20, 21. None but Christ, who also by his blood hath not only made perfect peace between *God* and thee, but hath so ratified and confirmed the same, that nothing shall be ever able to dissolve it.

Ephes.2. 12,17.

4 *Strangenesse.*

Ephes.4.18 *This enmity hath bred strang-*

nesse

neſſe between God & me, Col. 1.21 *& who ſhall bring me into fellowſhip with him again*

1 Cor.1.9. 1 John 1.3, 5,6,7.

None but Christ, who hath ſuffered for ſinnes, the juſt for the unjuſt, not only that he might bring thee to *God*, but hath ſo ſetled this fellowſhip between him & thee, (who art by faith ingrafted in him) that none ſhall be ever able to breake it off againe, *Ier.* 32. 40.

1 Pet.3.18. Rom.5.1. John 1.12. Rom.8.35.

5 *Faith.*

But alas, I am uncleane, I am unclean, For, behold, I was born in iniquity, and in ſin hath my mother conceived me and who now ſhall cleanſe me? Job. 14. 4.

Levit.13. 45. Pſal.51.5.

None but Christ, who not only is that Lambe of God, who taketh away the

Zach.13.1.

ſinne

* Signifying that original sin, which is the fountain of all sin.
* And thus we finde in our nature, that holines which by nature we want.

* *sinne* of the world, *Ioh.* 1. 29. but was also *borne holy*, and *conceived by the* * *holy Ghost*, *Luke* 1. 35. to cover the impuritie of thy conception & birth, *Heb.* 2. 11.

6 *Darkenesse.*

And thus as a woful wight, sit I in double darknesse, having justly lost by this my sorrowful downe-fal with * *light of Gods Image*, Eph 4. 18. *the light of Gods countenance; & who now shalbe a light to me?*

Isai. 60. 2.
Mat. 4. 16.
John 1. 5.
1 Joh. 5. 19
*2 Cor. 4. 4.
Jer. 18 17.

None but Christ, who is come a Light into this world, to the end, that whosoever beleeveth in him, should not onely not abide in darknesse, but might also have the light of life, *Ioh.* 8. 12.

Luke 1. 79. & 2. 32.

John 12. 46

7 *Dead*

Not onely am I drenched in

John 15.
Eph. 5. 8.

t is

this woful darkneſs, but there-in by nature I lie ſtarke dead in treſpaſſes and ſinnes; who ſhall now quicken me? Epheſ. 2. 5. Math. 4. 16

None but Chriſt, who is not onely come, that thou mighteſt have *life*, and that alſo in abundance, but ſo to confirme thee in this life, (if thou beleeve in him) that thou ſhalt *never dye*, *Ioh.* 11. 25. & 14. 19. Beleeveſt thou this? Joh. 5. 25. 2 Tim. 1. 10. Job 10. 10.

8. *Corrupt.*

But I ſenſibly feele (to my utter undoing I feare) that the devil hath ſhed into my whole man, the venome & poiſon of his curſed nature, Ioh. 8. 44. *who ſhall cure me of it?* Rom. 3. 13 Rom. 7. 24

None but Chriſt, who came not onely *to loſe the workes of the divell* in thee, but 1 Joh. 3. 8.

but which more is, to make thee partaker of the divine *nature, 2 *Pet.* 1.4. *Heb.* 2.11

9 *Bondage.*

And to this vile corruption am I by nature a servant and wretched bond-man, who shall free me from so woful slavery?

None but Christ, who came not only to *preach deliverance* to such miserable captives as thou art, but that in setting thee free, thou mightest be [a] *free indeed, Joh.* 8.38.

10 *Penury.*

A man may have light, life, and liberty, and yet perish for lack of food, who shall furnish my poor [b] *affamished soule with that?*

None but Christ, who first (if thou beest a thirst) *bids*

* *Not of the substance, but of the divine qualities.* John 8.34. 2 Tim. 2.26

Rom. 7.25

Luke 4.18.

a *That is, that we might have not a fained but a true liberty and freedom from all infernal foes.*

b Psal. 106 15.

bids thee come to him and drinke of the water of life, *and that* c *freely*, not for a while to quench thy thirst; but that in drinking of the water which he shall give thee, thou mightest d *never be more a-thirst*, seeing it shall be in thee a Well of water springing up to everlasting life, *Joh* 4. 13, 14. & 7. 38.

Aud he also is that *bread of life*, which came downe from heaven, *Joh. 6.* 48. 51. of which, if by faith thou spiritually eatest, it shall not only preserve thy soule from famishing and death, but shall cause it to live for ever, *Joh. 6.* 51.

Joh. 7. 37. Isai. 55. 1.

c Revel. 22. 17.

d *That is, such shall never be so thirsty, but the spirit of grace (as an ever-living fountain) will be at hand to satisfie their thirst,* See 1 Joh. 7. 38 Joh. 6. 50.

11 *Naked.*

But yet my filthy nakednes will appeare, who shall cover that?

e Isai. 64. 6. Gen. 3. 7. Revel. 3. 17, 18.

None

None but Christ, [f] whose white rayment shall not only [g] cover the shame of thy nakednesse, that the [h] pure eyes of God shall not [i] behold it, *Isa.* 61. 10. but therein also (he having grãted thee to be arrayed therewith) will present thee therein glorious to himself without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, *Ephes.* 5. 27.

f Rev. 3. 17

g Rom. 4. 6, 7.

h Hab. 1. 13.

i Num. 23. 21.

Rev. 19. 8.

Jude 24.

Col. 1. 22.

12. *Curse.*

Me thinkes I [k] *tremble and quake for feare, in my self, when I heare that terrible thunderbolt of the Law, Cursed is* [l] *every man that continueth not in* [m] *all things which are written in the Book of the Law, to doe them. Who shall free me from it?*

k Hab. 3. 16.

l Gal. 3. 10.

m Deu. 27. 26. & 29, 24.

[n] None but Christ, who hath

n Isai. 53. 4, 5, 6. Gal. 3. 13.

hath not onely redeemed thee from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for thee, but hath brought thee also within compasse of that promised true ° blessednesse made to faithfull *Abraham*, Gal. 3. 9. 14. °Eph.1.3.

13. *Terror.*

Now whilest I remaine thus held (as it were at Gods suit) under this terrible arest, Cursed is every one &c. *me thinkes I see how all the creatures in Heaven and Earth*, Gen. 7. 11. *stand readie armed at his only beck to revēge the quarrel of his coveant upon me: who is there in Heaven or Earth, that can set them a-gaineat one with me?* Lev.26.25 Psal.76.7.

None but Christ, who having by his owne bloud reconciled Col.1.20. Rom.3.25

conciled *God* himself (who is the Lord of hosts, & so of all creatures) unto thee, he hath much more reconcil'd every creature in heaven & earth unto thee.

Isai.11 6. Hos.2.18, 19,20.

14 *Losse.*

Moreover, whilst in this a daily, & (in a māner) hourly necessitie lies upon me to use the benefit of food, raiment, recreation, sleep, &c. yea of breathing in the very ayre, I am often thus secretly checked in conscience for the same, as if the Lord should on this wise speak unto me; friend, Who gave you leave & libertyto use these my benefits, or by what right or title doe you enjoy them, seeing you have by your disobedience forfeited back again to me the true and lawfull

Pro.16.26.

Isai.5.11, 12.

full use I once gave you of thē? In whom now, or by whom may I recover the free, & so a comfortable use of them againe?

Deut. 26. from 15, 10, 20. 1 Cor. 15. 47.

By none, but in, and by Christ, who being come a second *Adam*, and the very true, and lawful heir of all things, hath by the merit of his sufferings & obedience recovered unto thee (being once a member of his Mystical body) a just right and title as to God himself, who is the Lord of all creatures, so a lawfull and Ianctified use of the creatures themselves: Read *Hosea* 2. from vers. 18. to 23.

Hab. 1. 2. & 2. 8.

Rom. 5. 15

Rom. 8. 16 17.

Joh. 20. 17.

1 Cor. 3. 22 1 Tim. 4. 4. Tit. 1. 15.

15 *Wrath to come.*

But it much astonisheth me, when I read what p *fearefull attributes are given to God?*

p Psal. 30. 2, 8.

as

Heb.12.29 Isai.33.14. *as that he is called a consuming fire, everlasting burnings, & that when fire is kindled in his wrath, it shall burn to the bottom of Hell,* Deu.32.22. *Alas if his wrath be kindled but a little, q who shall fence me from it?*

Psal. 2.12.

q Psal.76.7

r Heb.5.7. Mat.26.38 1 Thes.1.10 Rom.5.9. r None but Christ, who by bearing the wrath of God upon his righteous soule, saveth and delivereth thee from the *wrath* to come.

16. *Deaths sting.*

s 1 Cor.15.56. *Yet death hath a s deadly, sting wherewith to stab me to the heart, which is sinne; who shall free from deaths t deadly blow?* Rom. 6.23.

t Rev.20.14.& 21.8. &c. u 1 Cor.15.57. u None but Christ, in whom thou hast not onely cõquest over sin & death, he having *through death* x *destroyed*

x Heb.2.14

ſtroyed him that had the power of death, which is the divell; but hath now brought *immortality & life* (for thee) *to light by the Goſpel.* 2Tim.1.10

17 Vnbeleife.

Beſides all this, my conſcience convinceth me of ſin, in that I beleeve not in Chriſt: O for one graine of that precious faith! that faith of Gods elect; who ſhall worke it in me? John 16.8. Luke 17.6. Titus 1.1.

None but Chriſt, who is therefore ſaid to be both the Author and finiſher of our faith. As alſo it is hee by whom we beleeve in God, who raiſed him from the dead. Heb.12 2. 1Pet.1.21.

18 Impenitencie.

But I have an heart (the Lord knows) which cannot repent. Who ſhal give me that repen- Rom.2.5. 2Cor.7.11

tance unto salvation, never to be repented of?

None but Christ, for to this end hath God exalted
Act.5.31. him a Prince a Saviour, to give repentance to *Israel*, & forgiveneſſe of ſinnes. See 2 Tim. 2. 25.

19 *Hardneſſe of heart.*

Zach.7.12 *Oh but I have an heart as hard as the Adamant ſtone: who can ſoften it?*

Eze.11.19 & chap.35 26. None but Christ, in whom this faithfull promiſe ſhall ever be Yea, and Amen, namely, that God will take away thy ſtony heart out of thy fleſh, and in ſtead thereof will give thee an heart of fleſh. Soake thy heart thorowly in this free and precious promiſe, and expect the fruit with patience.

20 *Infirmitie.*

Much corruption will cleave ſtil even to mybeſt actions: In whom may I finde the remedy of this? Rom.7.21

* In none but in Christ, who not onely reconciles the iniquity even of thy holy offerings, but hath (for thee) brought in alſo [a] everlaſting righteouſneſs, *Dan.* 9, 24. *See* 1 *Cor.* 1. 30. 2 *Cor.* 5. 21.

* 1 Tim. 2. 5 1 Joh. 2. 2. Exo. 18. 38 Lev. 16. 33

a *To make both thy perſon and actions for ever acceptable before God.*

21 *Doubtings.*

But [b] new feares and doubtings through divers temptations, ariſing through [c] Satans malice, ſhall never be wanting [d] daily to vexe and [e] diſquiet me: Alas, who ſhall ſupport me under ſo manifold and different trials!

b Pſ. 88. 15 Jam. 1. 2.

c Job. 2. 3.

d Job. 7. 14 15.

e Pſ. 42. 5, 11.

None but Christ, who in

Heb.2.18. Chap.4. 15,16. 1 Cor.10. Psal.34.19

that hee ſuffered and was tempted, not onely is able ſufficiently to ſuccour thee in all thy temptations, but in the end alſo to free thee out of them all, 2 *Pet.* 2. 9.

22 Acceſſe.

James 3.8. Lam 3.8.

Oftentimes when I pray, it ſeems that God ſhuts his Mercy-Gate both againſt me and my prayers; who ſhall give me acceſſe to the throne of grace?

1 John 2.2 1 Tim.1.5. Heb.10. 19,20. Rom.8.34

None but Chriſt, thy *onely Mediator*, who by the veile of his fleſh, having made thee a new and living way into the holy place, ſits at the right hand of God the Father, making requeſt for thee; ſo as in ſtead of fearing to have free acceſſe, thou mayeſt with reverence be bold to go to the Throne

Heb.4.16.

of

of grace, with confidence to have all thy lawfull suits granted, for thy Mediators sake, *Ioh.* 14. 13. Heb.10.17 1Joh.5.14.

23 *Conscience.*

But for all this, I yet feel secret griping of conscience continually affrighting me with a world of accusing thoughts: who now shall be as able, so willing, to appease and quiet them? Rom.2.15

None but Christ, who being stiled *the Prince of peace*, and therefore our peace-maker in Heaven and in Earth; became first in his owne person a preacher and publisher of peace both to them that were a farre off, and to them that were neere: yea, and as if that had been too little, did at the last by the Isa.9.6. Luk.19.38 & 2.14. Acts 10.36 Eph.2.13, 14.

Col.1.20. blood of his Croſſe purchaſe for thee that peace of conſcience which paſſeth

Act.20.28. all underſtanding, of which that none might deprive or

Joh.14.27 & 16.33. ſtrip thee of, Look in his laſt Will and Teſtament, where thou haſt this legacy by himſelfe bequeathed thee to have and to hold as thine own for ever. Therefore now comfort thy ſelfe with theſe words.

¶ Here the afflicted began a little to pauſe: and having received much refreſhing, and good ſatisfaction from

1 Pet.3.21 thoſe ſeveral anſwers *a good conſcience* hitherto framed to his ſeveral demands and doubtings: ceaſed from further objectings: and began thus to be a little cheared & revived. *Well,*

Well, then I finde and feel, to my no little joy, and contentment that there is None indeed but Chriſt (in heaven or earth) *according as thou (ô good conſcience) haſt ſtill affirmed, that can fully ſet me (a poore captive) free from my feareful downfal and miſery.* Pſal. 73. 25. 1 Pet. 3. 21. 1 Tim. 1. 15. Luke 4. 18.

And then, after ſome further pantings and breathings (Faith having put, as it were, a new life into him) hee brake forth into this paſſion, of admiration and thankfulneſſe. 2 Cor. 4. 12.

And is it true indeed, O thou lover of men! O thou preſerver of men! that thou haſt ſet thine eyes, and thy heart upon ſuch an one? Prov. 8. 31. Job 7. 20. v. 14. 3. v. 7. 17.

Was thy love to me ſo ardent, & thy compaſſion ſo exceeding Job. 17. 5. Prov. 8. 22.

Isa.64.1. Gal.4.4. Luke 1.78 Isa. 50.6. Luk.22.44 Joh.19.34. Psal.116. 12. Neh.9.5, Psal.116.2 Psal.50.23

abundant, that from thy seat of Majestie and glory, thou wouldest for my sake, bow the Heavens, yea, (after a sort) even thence breake thorow (the fullnes of time being come) in thine owne person to visit me, and to expose thy holy selfe to shame, and spitting, to sweating, bleeding, and last of all to dying, that thou mightest preserve such an one as I, from everlasting perishing? Iohn 3 14, 15. Lord, that I knew what (by way of thankfulnesse) now to render thee!

Thou far excellest above all the praise, that a poor creature on earth can give thee. And yet, for as much as thou hast said, that who so offereth thee praise, glorifieth thee:

O let my poore soule, (which

from deadly thrall thou haſt redeemed) magnifie thee.

Let my ſpirit alſo (which by the ſavour of thy good ointments thou haſt ſo cheered and revived) rejoyce, and alwayes make her ſongs of thee.

Let my tongue, mouth, & uncircumciſed lips confeſs thee.

Sweetly (O Lord Jeſus) haſt thou with the kiſſes of thy mouth kiſſed me; therefore ſhall my knees euer be bowed unto thee. Yea, I have ſworn, & will alſo perform it, that my ſelf, ſoul, body, life, liberty, &c. and all, ſhall (thy grace aſſiſting) be vowed and conſecrated to thy honour & glory, 1 Cor. 1. 30, 31. For thou Lord art holy & inhabiteſt the eternity; & yet dwelleſt with the contrite and humble ſpirit, & with ſuch an

Luke 1. 46, 47. Pſal. 103. 5

Cant. 1. 3. Iſa. 61. 10.

Iſai. 45. 23.

Cont. 3. 1.

Phil. 2. 9, 10.

Pſal. 119. 106. Titus 2. 14. Rom. 12. 1. 2 Cor. 7. 1.

Iſa. 57. 15.

one as trembleth at thy word. So as in me (sweet Lord) is now fulfilled the saying that is written, the sacrifices of a

Psa.51.17. *contrite spirit and a broken heart thou neither hast nor never wilt despise. Well may I*

Cant.1.3. *now say, that thy Name to me (a desolate wretch) hath been as an ointment poured out; &*

2 Sam.7. 27. *therefore hath thy servant out of the abundance of his heart, after this sort, expressed and*

Luke 7.47 *poured forth the love & thankfulnes of his soul, unto thee.*

2 Cor.1.3. To thee therefore O Father of mercies, and *God* of all comfort and consolation

John 3.6 Gal.4.4. who hast so loved me unworthy, as out of thine own bosome to send thy onely begotten Son, for me & all mankind lost, into the *world* made

made of a woman, that thus he might become our true & very *Immanuel*, Mat. 1.23

And to thee ô Lord Jesus Christ, who voluntarily laidest downe thy life for me tō preserve me from eternal death. Joh. 10.8.

And to thee also O holy Spirit, by whose divine light my blind eyes have been illuminated to see as by the Law, my wofull misery; so comfortably by the Gospel, to behold this superexcellent, and surpassing love and mercie of the Father, and the Son; and thereto hast wrought that wonderful grace of Faith in my heart, to believe that all this love is and hath been extended to me as well as to any Ephe. 1.17 18. Rom. 3.23. 1 Joh. 3.1. Ephe. 2.1. & 3.19. 2 Col. 1.12. Rom. 10. 7. Gal. 2.10.

any other; yea, that it hath
Rom.5.5. beene by thee, O blessed
Eph.1.13. Spirit, shed abroad abundantly in my heart by the holy Ghost, and hast so sealed me up to the day of re-
Eph.4.30. demption, that I shall not so uncomfortably, as formerly I have done, call into question the certaintie and assurance of my free adop-
Gal.4.6. tion.

To Father, Sonne, and
Mat.28.19 Holy Ghost (I say) one Di-
1 John 5.7 vine Essence, three distinct persons, be ascribed in Heaven and Earth, by Angels and men, as is most due, all wisdome, power, praise, and glory, eternally, *Amen*, and *Amen*.

THE

THE SECOND PART.

Containing a Passionate Prayer to *Christ*.

With his gracious answer thereto.

Isa. 65. 24.
Before they call, I will answer.

CHRIST, who art my Lord, and my God: thou who art the promised seed, *Gen.* 3. 15. in whom all the

Joh. 20. 18.

Gen. 21. 18

the Nations of the earth
should be blessed: thou,
whose goings forth have
bin of old from everlasting.
Mich.5.2. Thou, who art call'd the
Lord our righteousnesse,
Jer.23.6. & the Son of righteousnes,
*Mat.*4.2. and art worthily
Isa.9.6. stiled, Wonderfull, Coun-
sellor, The mighty GOD,
the everlasting Father, the
Mat.3.17. Prince of Peace, Thou in
whom the Father is well
pleased, and in whom his
Isa.42.1. soul delighteth: Thou who
1 Tim.6.15 art the blessed, and onely
Potentate, the King of
Kings, and Lord of Lords,
Thou who art the Prince of
1 Cor.2.8. life, *Acts* 3.15. and Lord of
Glory, who art saved thy
selfe, *Zach.*9.9. and art
mighty to save *Isa.*63.1. O
thou

thou who art white & ruddy, the faireſt among ten thouſaad: who art that *Immanuel*, even God with us, *Iſa.7.14.* who art given to me, wert born for me: who haſt loved me, and given thy ſelfe for me. Oh when wilt thou draw mee, that I may run after thee? When ſhall I ſee thee? Oh when wilt thou come unto mee, abide, and ſhew thine own ſelfe unto mee? When O good Chriſt, wilt thou give me an heart to know thee? O that thou wouldeſt once circumciſe mine heart to love thee, that in love it might ever, & in all things, be praiſing of thee! When ſhall I feel thee, to be all in all unto me? my husband,

Can.5.10.

Iſa.9.6. Gal.2.20.

Cant.1.4. Iſa.64.1. Joh.14.23.

Ver.21.

Jer.24.7.

Deut.30.6

1 The.5.13

Col.3.11.

*Hoſ.*2.19.my Head, *Epheſ.* 5. 23.my ſurety, *Heb.* 7.22 my Saviour, *Luk* 1 47. my light, *Joh.* 8.12.& my life? *Col.* 3 4. Shall I never have an heart to believe in thee and as to love, ſo to looke and long for thy bleſſed appearing; *2. Pet.* 3 12. In thee, Lord, are hid all the treaſures of wiſdome, and knowledge, When ſhall I feele thee to be to me, as thou art to all thine, my wiſdome, righteouſneſſe, ſanctification, and redemption? It pleaſed the Father, that in thee, my Lord and my God, ſhould all fulneſs dwell: Oh, when wilt thou then fill me with all joy and peace in believing? Thou telleſt me, Lord, that all power

Ro.10.10.
2 Tim.4.8.
Col.2.3.
1Cor.1.30
Col.1.19.
Ro.15.13.

power is given thee in Heaven and Earth. Oh that thou then wouldeſt give me ſuch a powerful faith, as by deriving and drawing vertue from thee, might be of power to purifie my heart, to worke by love, and to overcome the world, *1 Ioh. 5. 4.* When ſhall I feel thee, my Lord & my God dwelling in my heart by faith? Then ſhould I hate the evill, and love the good; Then ſhould I feare thee for thy goodneſs, and ſing aloud of thy righteouſneſs: Then ſhould I not ſuffer ſin ſo to raigne in my mortall body, that at any time I ſhould obey it in the luſts thereof: Then ſhould I lament, that I can lament no more

Mat. 20. 1.
2 Theſ. 1. 11.
Acts 15. 9
Gal. 5. 6.
Eph. 3. 17.
Amos 5. 15
Hoſea 3. 5.
Pſal. 145. 7
Rom. 6. 12
Jer. 31. 18.

Heb. 3.12. more the ſelfe-love, diffidence, and impenitency, of my ſelfe-loving, unbeleeving, and impenitent heart, Iſa.26.12. *Rom.*2.5. Thou Lord haſt done, and yet doeſt all my Rom.8.26 works in me, and for me. Give me then the Spirit of 2 Tim. 1. 1,7. prayer, of power, of love, and of a ſound mind: Even Rom.8.15 the Spirit of Adoption by which I may cry Father, and Gal.4.6, Eph.4.10. ſo be ſealed up unto the day of Redemption. Thy pure and precious blood, O bleſſed Lord Jeſus, once ſhed, hath a juſtifying, *Rom.*5.9. a purifying, *Heb.*9.14. & ſanctifying vertue, *Heb.*12.12. 1 The.1.10 By the merit thereof, then Heb.9.14. ſweet Lord, doe thou ſave me from the wrath to come, Through it purge my conſcience

ſcience defiled, from dead works to ſerve thee the living and true God: and through it, ſo conſecrate and ſet me apart as a veſſell unto honour ſanctified, that it may be meet for thee my Lord and Maſters uſe, as alſo ready and prepared to every good work. Give me to be wiſe unto that which is good, and ſimple concerning evill. In malice give me to be child-like; but in underſtanding to be of a ripe age. And now, my Lord and my God, who is like unto thee, forgiving iniquitie, tranſgreſſion, and ſinne? *Exod.* 34. 7. And therefore my ſoule panteth after thee, my ſoul thirſteth for thee, and my fleſh lon-

1 Tim. 2. 21

Tit. 3. 4.

Rom. 16. 19.

1 Cor. 14. 20.

Mic. 2. 18.

Pſal. 48. 2. and 63. 1.

longeth for thee in a drie and thirstie land, where no
Psal.101.2 water is. O when, when
Psal.73.25 wilt thou come unto me? I have none in Heaven but thee, and there is none upon Earth that I desire besides thee. Wilt thou, O
Psal.13.1. Lord, forget me for ever?
Psal.77.7. and wilt thou hence-forth shew me no more favour?
Psal.89.47 Oh remember how short my time is. Thou wilt at
Psal.7.20. length, I know, return and revive me; thou wilt come
Psal.138.7 again, and bring me from the depth of the Earth. O Lambe of God, *John* 1.29. Sonne of God, *Ioh.* 3 18. O my Mercy-seat, *Exod.* 25. 17. my Mediator, 1 *Tim.* 2. and Advocate, 1 *John* 2. 1. When shall I with

with the reſidue of thy lovers, poſſeſſe & enioy thee? How long Lord, ſhall it be, before with thine elected and betrothed Spouſe I ſhall be able to ſay, that thou my beloved art mine, and I thine? Then, then ſhouldſt thou as a bundle of ſweet-ſmelling Myrrh, lye even all the night long betweene my breaſts, and dwell betweene my ſhoulders, *Deut.* 32. 12. Thou cameſt into the World, Lord, to ſave ſinners: And wilt not thou ſave mee? Thou waſt made manifeſt, that thou mighteſt take away ſinnes: And wilt not thou, O Lambe of God take away mine? Thou wert manifeſt to that end, that

1 Pet. 2. 5. Hoſ. 2. 19.

Cant. 6. 3.

Cant. 1. 13

1 Tim. 1. 15

1 John 3. 5

1 John 3. 8

that thou mighteſt deſtroy the works of the Devill: And wilt not thou, Lord, now deſtroy all his works in mee? thou didſt in the dayes of thy fleſh once ſuffer for ſinnes, that thou mighteſt bring mankinde loſt unto God: And wilt not thou, my deare Chriſt, bring me now to thy heavenly Father waſhed, *Rev.* 1.5. juſtified, *Rom.*5.1. reconciled, 1 *Ioh* 4.10. ſanctified, 1 *Cor.*6.11. and eternally ſaved? *Heb.*7.25. Yes, Lord, I beleeve it. But Lord, help thou mine unbelief. I reade in the Evangeliſts, how often thy compaſſions were moved, over the miſeries of men and women. Are they not the

Heb.5.9. 1Pet.3.18.

Mar.9.24. Mat.9.30. 14.14. and 15.32. Mar.1.41. and 5.19. Luke 7.13.

the ſame now, they were then? Hadſt thou compaſſions for them, and haſt thou none for me? Was thy ſoul troubled for them, and not likewiſe for me? Was thy ſoul exceeding ſorrowful unto death for them, and was it not ſo for me? Didſt thou faſt, ſweat, weepe, cry, and pray? and were not all theſe thy paſſions for me? Oh, thou that art holy, harmeleſſe, undefiled, ſeparate from ſinners, and made higher then the Heavens; who art able to ſave to the uttermoſt, all them that come unto God by thee: How long, oh how long ſhall it be, ere I feele and finde in my ſelfe the vertue and efficacie

Joh.12.27

Mar.14.34

Mat.4.2.
Luk.22.44
Heb.5.7.

Heb.7.25, 27.

Heb.4.14. 15,16. cacie (from the Throne of Grace) of thine interceſſion for me! Which though for the preſent, I beleeve not as I ſhould, yet Lord give me to beleeve it when thou wilt. Who ever truſted in thee, and was aſhamed; who ever hoped in thee, and was confounded!

Pſal.22.5. No, no, thou inhabiteſt the praiſes of Iſrael. It is

Pſal.22.3. Pſal.65.2. thou, Lord, that heareſt prayer, unto thee therefore ſhall all fleſh come. Didſt not thou, my Lord and my

Joh.12.32. God, towards thy paſſion teſtifie, that if thou wert lifted up from the earth, thou wouldeſt draw all men unto thee! Oh cauſe the

Hoſ.11.4. cords and bands of this thy

thy infinite and ſurpaſſing love in dying for me, effectualy to draw my whole ſoule and affections unto thee. Oh when ſhall I be with thee where thou art; that I may ſee that thy glory! In the meane while, O my deare heavenly Huſband, ſtay me with flagons, comfort me with Apples, for I am ſick of love. Let thy left hand be under my head, and let thy right hand imbrace me: kiſſe thou me, O my Chriſt, with the kiſſes of thy mouth, for thy loves are better than Wine.

Joh. 17. 44

Cant. 2. 5, 6.

Cant. 1. 1.

CHRIST his gracious Answer.

Prov.8.17. Verse 35. I Love them that love me; and those that seek me early, shall finde: who so findeth me, findeth life, and shall obtaine favour of the Lord. Be of good chear then, thou Hos.14.8. fainting soule, for I have Isa.57.15. heard thee, and observed thee. And though I be the high and loftie one, that inhabiteth the Eternitie, whose name is holy, dweling in the high and holy place, yet doe I also dwell with them that are of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

I will be gracious unto thee at the voyce of thy cry, I have heard thee, and will anwſer thee. Becauſe thou haſt ſet thy love upon me, therefore I will deliver thee; I will ſet thee on high, becauſe thou haſt known my Name. Yea, he that loveth me, ſhall be alſo loved of my Father; and I, according to thy requeſt, will manifeſt mine owne ſelfe unto thee. Very meet it is that all men ſhould honour the Sonne, even as they honour the Father for he that honoureth not the Sonne honoureth not the Father which ſent him, *Iohn 5. 23.* And though to thy ſeeming,

Iſai.36.19.

Pſal.91.14

Joh.15.11.

Iſai.49.14.

thou art now and then neglected of me; yet
Isai.54.7. can I not forget thee over-long, it is but for a moment; for, for a small moment, have I forsaken thee, but with everlasting compassions will I have mercie upon thee, saith
Psal.84.11 the Lord thy Redeemer. I wil be both Sunne and shield unto thee, I will give grace and glory; nor shall any good thing at any time be wanting at all unto thee: onely hope to the end, for that grace which is brought
1 Pet.1.13 unto thee. Humble thy
Mich.6.8. selfe daily to walke in all the exercises of Pietie and true Charitie. Take
Luke 9.23 up the Crosse cheerefully

ly which ſhall (it may be) daily lay upon thee. And when thou art ready to ſinke, come unto me: for I will aſſure thee on my faithfull word, they ſhall not for ever be aſhamed who have the grace to waite for mee. Caſt not away then thy confidence which hath promiſe of great reward. Poore Soule, wherefore diddeſt thou doubt? But I ſee thou haſt need of patience, that after thou haſt endevoured to doe my will here on earth, thou mighteſt receive the promiſe. By patience therefore poſſeſſe thy ſoule. I will ſtand by thee, I will neither leave thee, nor

Mat 14.30

Iſai.49.23.

Heb.10.35

Mat.14.31
Heb.10.36

Zech.2.8. nor forſake thee, *Heb.* 13. 5. Thou art as deare unto me, as the apple of mine eye. Thou ſhalt be cove-
Iſai.51.16. red in the ſhadow of mine hand. Mine Angells ſhall attend thee, *Pſal.* 91. 11. my grace ſhall be ſufficient for thee, my preſence
2Cor.12.9 Exod.33. 14. ſhal goe with thee, neyther ſhall my Spirit nor Word depart away from thee, *Iſa.* 55. 21. When thou art tempted, I will ſuccour thee, *Heb.* 2. 18.
Iſai.40.29. when thou fainteſt, I will ſuſtaine thee. If thou of-
1 Joh.1.1. Rom.8.33 fend againſt my heavenly Father, the merit of my ſatisfaction, and interceſſion, ſhall evermore plead thy Cauſe at the Throne of Grace for thee. I am re-

returned unto thee, *Zech.* 8. 3. I will no more be terrible unto thee; for so the Spirit should faile before me, and the Soule which I have made. Wherefore comfort thy selfe with these words: Goe eate thy Bread with joy, and drinke thy Wine with a merry heart, for God now accepteth thy workes. Nor shall it be long ere thou (with the residue of those who love and long for my appearing) enter into thy Masters Joy, where is fulnesse of joy, and life for evermore. So saith *AMEN*, the faithfull and true witnesse, *Amen* and *Amen*.

Jer. 17. 17.

Isai. 57. 19.

1 Thes. 4. 19.

Eccl. 9. 7.

2 Tim. 4. 8.
2 Pet. 3. 12.
Matth. 25. 21.
Revel. 3. 14.

CHRISTS
Titles Alphabetically *described.*

A.

1 John 2.2 WE have an *Advocate* with the Father.

The cauſe why *God* imputed not ſinne unto us, is, in regard that Chriſt continually intercedes for us.

B.

Rev. 3.14. The beginning of the *Creation* of God.

That is, of thoſe creatures eſpecially, which God hath faſhioned unto good works, *Epheſ.* 2. 10.

The

C.

The *Captain* of the Lords Hoſt, Joſh. 5. 17.

So called, becauſe hee now preſented his aide to *Ioſhua*, to put an happy end to the Warres he had taken in hand.

D.

And ſeeke the Lord their *GOD*, and *David* their King. Hoſea 3. 5

Meaning Chriſt, made of the ſeed of *David*, according to the fleſh; by whom wee have redemption, through his blood, *Epheſ.* 1. 7.

E.

This is the true God, and *eternal life*. 1 John 5. 26.

That is the meanes by whom we obtaine eternall life.

Revel.1.5.

F

Jesus Christ, who is the *Faithfull witnesse.*

Signifying, that he is a Prophet, to teach the truth to his people.

G.

God with us.

Mat.1.13. So called, in regard that now through him, God is united unto us: so that this is the true and proper title of the Sonne of God, manifest in the flesh.

H.

1 Tim.1.1. Jesus Christ, which is *our Hope.*

He calls Christ our *hope.* because then we begin to have good hope of salvation, when wee looke upon him by the eye of faith.

I.

Who is the *Image of the invisible God.* Col. 1. 15.

That is he by whom God is manifested unto us.

K.

And on his thigh a name written. *King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.* Revel. 19. 16.

As if he should say, that under his power and authoritie, every knee even of Kings and Lords must bowe, confessing, that their kingdome and dominion is nothing in comparison to his.

L.

The *Lamb slain from the foundation of the World.* Revel. 13. 8.

To shew unto us that he and none but he, was from the beginning ordained of

God

God, to be the sacrifice for our sinnes.

M.

1 Tim. 2. 5. There is one God, and one *Mediator* between *GOD*, and man, &c.

Mankind since the fall, being alienated or estranged from God, could neither obtaine union nor communion with *GOD*, without this one Mediator.

N.

Revel. 19. 12. He had a *Name* written, that no man knew but himselfe,

Namely, because no man can perfectly comprehend the mysterie of the eternall Generation or Incarnation of the Sonne of God.

Phil. 2. 9. God hath given him a *Name*

Name, which is above every Name.

Name is heere taken for ſuch a Name and Dignitie as is proper to God himſelfe.

O.

The *onely begotten Sonne*, who is in the Boſome of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1.18

The meaning is, that to attaine to the true knowledge of God, we muſt come to Chriſt, who is his lively and expreſſe Image. See *Heb.* 1. 3.

P.

And killed the *Prince of Life*. Acts 3.15.

That is, who being the Fountaine of Life, gives life unto others.

Q.

1 Cor. 15. 45.

Q.

The last *Adam* was made a *quickning spirit.*

Christ is called a Spirit, in regard of his divine nature, which dwels in him bodily, and so hath in him the cause of life, whereby he quickens both soule and body.

R.

Joh. 12. 24.

Jesus said unto her; I *am the Resurrection and the Life, &c.*

Heere are two things joyned together; *Resurrection*, and *life.* In the first of which wordes, Christ teacheth that hee is the beginning of life: in the second, he sheweth the perpetuitie of this life, and also the worke of his *free* grace. To

S.

To you that feare my Name, ſhall the *Sonne of righteouſneſſe* ariſe, &c. Mal.4.1.

Chriſt hath this title fitly aſcribed unto him; becauſe it is hee, by whom the elect are delivered out of that helliſh darkneſſe, wherin they are naturally plunged.

T.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. John 14.6.

As if hee ſhould have ſaid; In mee it is; ; in whom you muſt ſeek whatſoever appertaines to the right knowledge of God to ſalvation.

W.

His Name is called, *The Word of God.*

Which

Revel. 19. 13.

Which words the world ſhall at length know to their coſt, to be moſt true, when he ſhall have performed all thoſe things which are delivered in the Scriptures; mock the adverſaries thereof never ſo much, either at the promiſes or Threatnings therein contained.

A NECESSARY advertiſement to the *Reader.*

AS it is an infallible truth that neither a mans perſon, nor actions can pleaſe *God*, till himſelfe be in Chriſt, ſo it is as true, that a man hath neither abilitie of himſelfe to doe good, or abſtain from evill aright, unleſs he be aſſiſted by the power of *Chriſt:* and this appeareth, both by the teſtimony of Chriſt himſelfe, *Ioh.* 15. 5. For *without me*

Gen. 4. 4.
Rom. 8. 28
Heb. 11. 4.
John 15. 6.
1 Cor. 3. 5.

Joh.15.5. *me ye can do nothing*; (as alſo by the teſtimony of *Paul*, who ſaith, *that by the power of Chriſt, he was able to doe all things*, Phil. 4. 13. Implying (according to Rom.7.23. that place of *John*) that without Chriſts power, he could do nothing.

Doth the power and ſtrength of corruption, Rom.7.24. 25. then any way annoy thee, and wouldeſt thou fain get the maſtery over the ſame; flye then forthwith out of thy ſelf, and get thee directly unto Chriſt, and ſay thus Col.3.5. unto him; Lord, thou biddeſt me mortifie all inordi- 2 Cor.7.1. nate luſts and affections, as wroth, uncleanneſſe, covetouſneſſe, &c. But thou knoweſt there is no ſtrength

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in me to mortifie theſe, nor any corruption of nature beſides, further forth then I have aſſiſtance from thee: apply therefore to this viciouſneſſe of my ſinful nature the vertue of thy precious death and buriall, by the worke of thy holy ſpirit, which alone is able to kill ſinne in me, that ſinne and corruption (of what nature ſoever) may not as heretofore rule nor raigne over me, but that waging battell ſtill by the ſtrength there-againſt, I may yet therein have peace, and expect the full victory, in the time thou haſt appointed. Alſo, wouldeſt thou heare, reade, meditate, or pray profitable; think how inſufficient

Phil. 4. 13. & 2. 13. Rom. 6. 6.

Rom. 8. 13.

Rom. 6. 22

1 Joh. 5. 4, 5

2 Cor.3.5.

a *Whose power, in this case, must be perfected in thy weakness, or it will not be.*
1 Cor.12.9
Isai.55.3.
Revel.1.5
2 Thes.5.17.
John 15.2.

Ro.6.5,6.
Col.2.12.

sufficient thou art, as of thy self, to performe these holy exercises, or any the like, without [a] Christ, but hasten immediately to him, and say it is meet (Lord) that I doe these duties at thy command, for in mercie thou hast appointed them for my good: but without thee thou knowest I can doe nothing: Oh let me therefore feele power and vertue (by the worke of thy Spirit) as from thy death to mortifie and kill all sinne in me, so from thy Resurrection, both to quicken and enable me aright to performe all such duties as thou requirest of me, that the power of effecting all good, may alwayes be of thee, and not

not from me, 2. *Cor.*4.7.

And yet even in this regard thou requireſt of me as in other things, that as a poore frail veſſel I ſhould put forth all the powers of body and ſoule, wherewith thou haſt endowed me; the better hereby to ſerve thy divine providence. Eccl.9.10. 1 Cor.7.1. 2 Pet.1.2, 10. Mat.25.14 to 30.

Now (good Reader) if thou approveſt of this advertiſement in thy judgement, I pray thee give thy diligence to bring it by degrees but unto a daily practiſe (for thou ſhalt have need of it daily) and by good experience thou ſhalt in the end finde, I hope, that the gaine will countervaile the paine. 1 Cor.15.

HERE

Hereunto is added three steps to sound *conversion*

1.

Acts 26.17 18. FIrst, God by his Word and Spirit, enlighteneth the understanding of a sinner truely to conceive the Doctrine of mans misery, and of his full recovery by Christ.

2.

Secondly, by the same meanes hee workes in his heart both such sound sorrow for his misery, and fervent desire after Christ the remedy,

Acts 2.37.

remedy, that he can never be at quiet, till he enjoy Christ.

3.

Thirdly, God so manifesteth his love in freely offering Christ with his benefits, unto him a poore sinner lost, that thereby he drawes him in such wise to give credit unto God herein, that he gladly accepts of Christ offered unto him. John 3.16.

These three workes of God, whosoever findes to have been truely wrought in himselfe; may thereby know certainely, that hee hath true faith, and therefore sound conversion. 1 Joh.5.10 Acts 25.9.

Now having obtained this mercy at the hands of Almightie *GOD* for the merit Col.1.12. Ephes.1.5. Luk.1.74.

Titus 2.11. 12.

merit of Christ; he ought in thankefulneſſe to him therefore endevour daily ever after, in his whole converſation, to expreſſe and ſhew forth the vertues of

1 Pet.2.9.

him that hath thus called him out of darkneſſe, into his marvellons light.

CHRI-

Christian Counsels.

Let thy walke be with God. Gen. 5.24.

And thy talke of his wonders. Psal 119.27 25.15.

Let thine eys be even towards him. Lam.3.51.

And thy heart with thy hand lifted up unto him.

Make him thy delight. Psal.37.4.

Let it be thy meat, and drink to do his will. Joh. 4. 34

Shun thou the way that leads from him. Deut.13.5

Let thy goings be even, in the way that directs to him. Psal.66.12

Make a cleer conscience thy Musick. Godly sorrow thy Physick. Act.24.16. 2.Cor.7.7.

Make Joseph *a patern to thee for chastity. And* Moses *for meeknesse and humility.* Gen. 39.9. Num.12.3

Psa.148.4. 49.50. Jam. 5.11. *Let the Booke of Psalmes teach thee praise, And that of Jobs patience.*

Luk 1.41. Gal. 6.14. *Let Jesus be thy joy. His Crosse thy comfort.*

Rom.1.17 *Wouldst thou live a merry life? Live the life of Faith.*

Isa.57.1,2. *Wouldst thou dye a sweet death? Learne to die the death of the Righteous.*

Gen. 22.8. *Let the poore sinfull Woman teach thee true penitence. And the Patriarch Abraham dependance upon Gods providence.*

Mar.9 24. *Adde to thy faith Prayer, and to prayer repentance.*

Eze.12.16. Act.26.20. *And manifest the truth of thy Repentance, by walking in new obedience.*

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PSAL. 94. 12.

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To his Deare

Neece, Miſtreſſe Grace Good-man

Grace and *Peace.*

Deare Neece,

IT hath pleaſed God of late to deprive both you and me of very neere and dear friends by death, in whoſe departure hence wee may evidently ſee the image of our owne mortalitie as in a Glaſſe, for which cauſe I am now the rather moov-ed before I goe hence and ſhall be no more ſeene, to leave with you this (it may be) my laſt legacie and pledge of my deare love un-

to you. If you give it the reading, and obſerve well what you read, I hope it will not bee without ſome anſwerable fruit: if you reape but that benefit by it, which my ſelfe deſire to doe that write it, I ſhall have no cauſe to repent my preſenting you therewith. Let us endeavour to live religiouſly, and then we need not doubt of our dying Comfortably, which ſhall be the earneſt prayer of.

Your true affectionate Uncle

CLEMEMT COTTON

To the Christian Reader.

THE Hand of the Lord hath beene long stretched out against us in this Citie, by sending sundry sorts of Diseases and sicknesses amongst us, whereof my selfe of late have had some experience. To many, these have proved mortall and deadly: and this is it that hath moved mee to open these few Lines following. I graut they are appropriated especially to such as are sick: yet so, that the whole

should not be excluded from reaping benefit thereby, which if by Gods grace they attaine; then have I the end of my labour, And so ever rest,

Thy faithfull wel-

willer in Christ,

C.C.

The Sicke Mans A:B.C.

Q. *What art thou by nature?*

A. Oh, Sir, a [a] *sinner*, a [b] *sinner*; a [c] vile and abominable *sinner*, *Job* 15.6.

a Ro.5.12.
b Psa.51.5
c Iob.42.4

Q. *The soule that sinneth, must* [d] die. *Thou knowest there is no escaping for thee.*

d Ezek.18 20.

A. I will not hide my sin as [e] *Adam* did, with *David* I will [f] confesse it; and with *Iob*, I will repent in dust and ashes for it.

e Iob31.33
f Psa.32.5. Job 42.6.

Q. *Say thou do so, thou art not ignorant, that* sinne

and death *will be dogging of thee at the heels?*

A I doe not greatly feare what *ſinne and death* can do againſt me.

Heb.2.14. 15.

Q *Why I pray thee?*

A. Becauſe I have to deale with a *gracious God.*

Q *Who told thee that?*

Exod.34.6 A Even his owne ſelfe

Q *Hee is alſo a devouring fire?*

Iſai.33.14. Heb.10.27 A He is ſo, but it is to his enemies, and to them that periſh.

Q *Maiſt thou not alſo periſh?*

A No, I cannot beleeve it.

Q *Wherefore?*

A Becauſe Jeſus Chriſt *by his blood*, hath k paciſied Gods anger toward me.

k Ro.3.15

Q *How*

Q *How could the blood of Christ effect it?*

A Because he was *God* that shed it. Act. 20. 28

Q *But hee shed it not for thee*

1 Tim. 1. 15

A Oh, yes, yes.

Q *Why for thee?*

A Because Sir, I doe from the very heart-root, [m] *long* after the *saving* and *healing* vertue of it, *Ephes.* 1. 7. 1 Joh. 1.

[m] Psa. 51. 2 Luk. 18. 3

Q *Possible this thy longing* will not be *lasting?*

A Yes, by Gods grace, *whilest I have any breathing*

Q *Well, I must needs thus far (for thy comfort) yeeld unto thee, that Christ, by his death, hath given* sin & death their doome; *so as resting upon that thou hast profess'd, they*

they cannot hurt thee. *But yet thou art not* restored (*for all that*) into Gods favour *wherein alone consisteth life, and true happiness*, Psa. 30. 5.

A. I expect and looke for that, onely *by his* [o] *imputing unto me, Christs perfect righteousnesse.*

o 2 Co. 5. 21 Rom. 8. 33. and. 10. 4.

Q. *Thou talkest of great matters; hadst thou faith to beleeve it?*

A. I [p] *beleeve:* Now Lord, helpe my unbeleefe.

p Mar. 9. 24

Q. *I blame thee not in seeking thy* Justification *from Christ: but may not an hypocrite doe this as well as thou?*

A. I doe from my soule, as earnestly long to have him made unto me, [q] *Sanctification* also. See, Ps. 51. 10.

q 1. Cor. 1. 30.

Q. *How expectest thou sanctifica-*

tification from Christ?

A. By the worke of his *spirit*, 1 *Cor.* 6.11. 2 Cor.3. 18.

Q. *How doth the Spirit effect it?*

A. By *applying* unto my whole man, the power of his death, and resurrection, *Rom* 6.5.6. by the one killing by degrees all sinne in me; by the other, quickning me unto new obedience. Col.1.18. 12,13.

Q. *It seemes then, thou not onely beleevest that Christ will* save thee from the guilt and condemnation of sinne, but will also deliver thee from the power and bondage of sinne. Rom.6.14

A. That is my beliefe indeed, 1 *Pet.*2.9.

Q. *Thou beleevest truely: for what God hath coupled together,*

gether, that ought no man ſo put aſunder, 1 Cor. 1. 30. But couldeſt thou not be content onely to have ſanctification in thy tongue, that thou mighteſt be able freely to talke of Religion? 1 Ioh, 3, 18.

1. Theſ. 5, 23. A No not ſo: *Lord, I pray thee, let it be thoroghout*, or not at all., 2 *Cor.* 7. 1. 1 *Cor.* 6. 20.

Rom. 7. 24 Q *Sanctification is* a long way *to walk in*, many difficulties *accompanying it*, *May not the tediouſneſſe of the way cauſe thee in the end to* breake off thy courſe, and finally to give it over

1 Theſ. 5. 23. 24. A I confeſſe, I finde in my ſelfe but too much weakneſſe this way; yet my ſure hope is, that hee who hath begun a good worke

in

in me, will not now leave it unperfected, *Phil.* 1.6

2 *Some having made a long progresse in profession, have grown at the length* to loath those meanes *of salvation, which once they seemed to love; and so have separated the meanes from the end:* 2 Tim. 4. 10.

A But God by his Word and Spirit hath taught me otherwise, *Psal.* 37.4. that is, *not to expect for salvation from him, as the end; without a constant endevouring to use all those helps which he hath sanctified, to lead me thereunto* Ps. 84. 10. Ps. 25.°. 2 Pet. 1.5. & vers. 10.

2 *I am glad it hath beene my hap, to heare these good things from thee; I wish thee therefore to be of good comfort in the Lord; for, ought I yet see, thou art in the way to*

be saved. Onely a word or two concerning thy present condition. *How takest thou this thy visitation?*

Heb.1.15. *A.* I take it as sent unto me, from the hand of a very gracious and loving Father.

Q. *But commonly calamities in this kinde, are* tokens of

Lam.3.39. *Gods* displeasure, *Lev.26.15*

A. In themselves they are so, lighting upon the wicked: but I beleeve they are *sent unto me in favour, and for my good.*

Q. *What is the ground of this thy perswasion?*

Rom.8.28. *A. Onely the Word of Truth*

Rev.3.19. *which assures my Conscience through the Holy-Ghost that it is so,* Heb.12.5.6.

Ps.13.1.2. Q. *And yet* it may belong, *ere God send deliverance.*

A. Be

A. Be it ſo, yet I have determined, *that my ſoule ſhall wait on God, in hope and ſilence*, till his appointed time come: yea, ſo I may come better out of this affliction than I went into it, *Iob.* 23. 10. *I ſhall not much haſten to be freed out of it.* Pſ. 62. 1. 5. Iſai. 28. 16.

Q. But if God ſhall ſhew a token of his goodnes upon thee, and preſently turn thy ſickneſſe into health? Pſa. 86. 17.

A. If he ſhould doe ſo, *my greateſt fear is, leaſt I ſhould prove unthankfull*, 2 Chron. 32. 25.

Q. On the other ſide, what if this ſickneſſe ſhall be unto death, *that is, the ſeparating of the ſoule from the body?*

A. Though I ſhould walk through the valley of the ſhadow Pſa. 23. 4.

dow of death, yet would I feare none evill. See, *Rev* 14. 13.

Pſ. 49. 14.

Q. *Doſt thou not apprehend the* Grave *(into which thou muſt deſcend) to be an* irkeſome and lothſome priſon?

The Grave (ſaith one) ſhall not grieve me, becauſe it was my Lords Bed. Mr. H. S. Pr.

A. Yes, conſidered out of Chriſt: *but looking upon it through his burial* (whereby he hath perfumed it for me) *it ſhall be much ſweeter to me then a Bed of Roſes,* Iſai 57. 1, 2.

Q. *Thy fleſh it may be, ſhall* lye rotting *a long time in the Grave?*

Pſ. 16. 9.

A. And yet, *even there* ſhall my fleſh reſt in hope.

Pſ. 141. 7.

Q. *Thy dead bones (ſeeming to be neglected of God, and therefore neglected of men) muſt (as thou knoweſt) be regardleſly tumbled hither and thither,*

thither, as if they were no better then unprofitable rubbish?

A My God that *kept a register of them, before they were, will much more be carefull of them, now they are*; so that at the last day, *not the smallest shank-bone, or piece of a shiver thereof, no not the least pick of dust shall be wanting*, Ezech. 37.7.

Pſ. 139.14. 15.16.

Pſ. 34.20. Job 19.26. 27.

Q What thinkest thou shall become of thy dead body *in the end?*

A My Lord Jesus Christ (who is the Resurection and the life) will (according to his faithful Word) *raise it up at the last day*, Ioh. 6. 54.

Ioh. 11, 15

Q Shall thy dead body then be onely raised *up at the last day?*

See Matth. 27. 52. 53. Act. 3, 21. See *Beza* Ser. upon Mat. 27. 52 53.

A. No,

A. No, I verily beleeve, that though *this body* be turned into dust, *yet it shall be re-united again to this soule, which now inhabiteth in it.*

Iob.19.27. Rom.8.23.

Q. *And shall this be all?*

Ioh.3.2. Col.3.3.4.

A. Not so: for being thus really united by the unspeakable power of God, *I shall see Christ* comming in the clouds, for my full redemption out of all miseries, and woe; and no sooner shall I get a sight of him, but I shall forthwith be changed in a moment, and in the twinckling of an eye: after which, being (with the rest of the Saints) caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the ayre, I shall thenceforth be ever with the Lord, in

1 Cor.15. 52.

1 Thes.4. 17.

Ps.16.11.

in whoſe preſence is the fulneſſe of joy, and at whoſe right hand are pleaſures for evermore.

Concluſion.

BE it unto thee as thou haſt ſaid: and ſeeing wee looke for ſuch things as theſe, the Lord give thee and me grace to be diligent, that we may be found of him in peace, without ſpot, and blameleſſe before him at his comming, Amen, Amen. 1 Ioh 3.3. 2 Pet.3.14

FINIS.

A *Short Admonition* touching the *Heart.*

Ier. 32.41 WHatſoever good thing GOD beſtows upon us, he doth it with his whole heart; therefore, if thou then give any thing to *God*, give him thine *heart.*

Pro.23.26 If thou doe any thing for *God*, doe it with all thine *heart.*

2 Chron. 31.22.

Act.8.37. Beleeve in him alſo with all thy *heart.*

Deu.10.12 Love him with all thy *heart.* Obey

Obey him from thy *heart.*	Rom.6.17
Feare him with thy heart.	Jer.32.40.
Seeke him with all thy *heart.*	Jer.29.13.
Turne to him with all thine *heart.*	Joel.2.12.
Rejoyce in him with thine *heart.*	Zach.10.7
Pray to him with thy *heart.*	Pſ.119.145
And praiſe him with thy *heart.*	Pſal.119.7
If thou lay up *Gods* Word in any place, lay it up in thy *heart.*	Luke 2.51.
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